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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING

FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS  
FROM DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S PRESS BRIEFING FOR APRIL 15,  
1976:

Q. YOU TOOK SEVERAL QUESTIONS YESTERDAY DEALING WITH THE  
QUESTION OF SYRIAN TROOPS IN LEBANON AND RELATED MATTERS.  
DO YOU HAVE ANY ANSWERS TO ANY OF THOSE?

A. I AM NOT ABLE TO PROVIDE ANY DETAILS TO THOSE QUESTIONS  
YESTERDAY ON LEBANON. I HAVE NO NEW INFORMATION AS FAR AS  
THE SITUATION ON THE GROUND IS CONCERNED.

WHAT WE ARE TRYING TO DO IS TO KEEP THE SITUATION IN  
LEBANON AS CALM AS WE CAN, AND TO THAT OBJECTIVE WE ARE  
DOING EVERYTHING WE CAN. WE REMAIN IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH  
ALL OF THE PARTIES. OBVIOUSLY, THE SITUATION IS COMPLEX,  
IT IS DELICATE, AND IT IS DIFFICULT TO GO INTO ANY DETAILS.

Q. HAS AMBASSADOR BROWN ENCOURAGED PRESIDENT FRANJIYAH TO  
RESIGN AND SIGN THE NEW CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS VOTED BY  
PARLIAMENT?

A. I DO NOT KNOW. I HAVE NOT BEEN BRIEFED ON THE  
SUBJECT OF AMBASSADOR BROWN'S CONVERSATIONS WITH THE  
PRESIDENT.

Q. JUST FOR THE RECORD, YOU DO HAVE CONFIRMED EVIDENCE  
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THAT SOME SYRIAN TROOPS ARE IN LEBANON. IS THAT RIGHT?

A. WE SAID YESTERDAY THAT THERE WERE, OVER THE WEEKEND,  
AND THE SECRETARY CONFIRMED THAT ON THE HILL YESTERDAY,  
THAT THERE WERE LIMITED MOVEMENTS INTO LEBANON.

Q. AND YOU HAVE NO EXPANSIONS OF THOSE REPORTS?

A. NO.

Q. CAN YOU EXPLAIN THE BORDERLINE THE SECRETARY WAS  
REFERRING TO YESTERDAY? YOU WERE UNCLEAR THEN, AND SAID

THAT YOU WOULD FIND OUT.

A. I SAW AN ACCOUNT OF WHAT HE SAID. AND I THINK WHAT HE WAS TRYING TO SAY IN REFERRING TO A "BORDER-LINE" WAS NOT THAT HE WAS SPEAKING IN GEOGRAPHIC TERMS, BUT OF A LINE WHICH, IF PASSED, RISKS WOULD BE TOO GREAT --

Q. WILL YOU SAY THAT AGAIN?

A. IT IS NOT A GEOGRAPHIC LINE. IT IS A LINE BEYOND WHICH, IF PASSED, RISKS WOULD BE TOO GREAT FOR STABILITY IN THE AREA AND FOR STABILITY IN LEBANON.

Q. THERE'S A REPORT OUT OF ISRAEL TODAY THAT THE ADMINISTRATION HAS ONCE AGAIN REVERSED ITSELF ON THE QUESTION OF TRANSITIONAL AID FOR ISRAEL AND THAT A DOLS 300 MILLION COMPROMISE IS NOW GOING TO BE PROPOSED TO THE CONGRESS.

A. I DO NOT HAVE ANYTHING ON THAT.

Q. IS THE ADMINISTRATION'S POSITION STILL OPPOSED TO ANY INCREASE IN AID TO ISRAEL OVER THE ORIGINAL?

A. I HAVE NOT BEEN INFORMED THAT THERE HAS BEEN ANY CHANGE FROM THE MOST RECENT EXPLANATION OF THE ADMINISTRATION'S POSITION ON TRANSITIONAL QUARTER FINANCING. I WILL CHECK INTO THAT REPORT THOUGH.

Q. ALSO ON THE MIDDLE EAST, DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING NEW ON THE JORDANIAN HAWK MISSILES? THE PENTAGON LAST WEEK SAID, AND REAFFIRMED TODAY, THAT THE PRODUCTION OF THE HAWK MISSILES HAD BEEN SUSPENDED. DOES THAT NOW MEAN THAT THE DEAL IS OFF?

A. NO, IT DOES NOT.

Q. AS FAR AS THE STATE DEPARTMENT IS CONCERNED, IT IS STILL GOING FORWARD?

A. AS FAR AS THE ADMINISTRATION IS CONCERNED, IT IS STILL AN ACTIVE REQUEST.

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Q. AND DOES THAT DEAL ALSO INCLUDE THE ANCILLARY EQUIPMENT, SUCH AS VOLCANS, REDEYES, AND COMMAND AND CONTROL?

A. I WOULD HAVE TO CHECK INTO THAT, -- ON THE FULL EXTENT OF THAT TRANSACTION. IT REFERRED TO, I THINK 14 BATTERIES, BUT WHAT IS BEYOND THAT I WOULD HAVE TO CHECK AND WILL GET BACK TO YOU.

Q. WHILE YOU'RE DOING THAT, COULD YOU ALSO CHECK WHAT IS THE DEADLINE AFTER WHICH IN FACT THE LETTER OF OFFER WOULD EXPIRE? I THINK IT'S QUITE SOON.

A. LET ME CHECK INTO THAT. I DO NOT KNOW.

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